(c) Several measures have been taken to boost exports of agricultural items including grant of CCS on oil-meals exports, inclusion of agricultural export in the new CCS regime, duty concessions on asceptic packing system and packaging materails, abolition of export duty on unmanufactured tobacco, abolition of excise duty on cigar, Cheroots and Hookah paste etc. In addition, the institutional framework has been strengthened with the establishment of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and the Spices Board.

Killings by Terrorists in South Delhi

270. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists struck terror by killing at least 14 persons and injuring several others with stenguns, pistols and hand-grenades at different places in South Delhi on the night of June 13, 1987;

(b) if so, what effective steps have since been taken to tackle terrorism in the Capital; and

(c) whether the culprits responsible for June 13, incidents have been apprehended; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 14 persons were killed and 18 injuired in the incidents of indiscriminate firing by the terrorists at four places in South Delhi on the 13th June, 1987. They had used stengun and pistols. At one place a hand grenade was also thrown but did not explode.

(b) The strength of the police Control Room vehicles has been increased to 165 round the clock. 100 pickets armed with automatic weapons and wireless sets have been posted at strategic points in the city.

(c) The culprits have been identified and one of them has already been arrested by the Punjab Police.

Export Performance of Large Industrial Houses relating to Engineering Goods

271. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large industrtial houses are responsible for the poor export performance relating to engineering goods;

(b) whether Government propose to withdraw certain concessions given to them; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The poor performance of engineering exports in the last few years has been on account of various factors like balance of payment problems in our traditional markets, un-competitiveness of the domestic industry, high costs industry, high costs of inputs in the domestic markets, etc. Thus, while exports of some of the large houses have been low the poor export performance of engineering products cannot be attributed only to the lack of effort by large industrial houses.

(b) and (c) Under the Export Policy, no special concessions are provided to the large industial houses. As such the question of withdrawal of any concessions to the large houses does not arise.